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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

HAN ZHANG,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL MUKASEY, United States
 Attorney General;
 MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary of the
 Department of Homeland Security;
 EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director of United
 States Citizenship and Immigration Services;
 ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, Director of
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Defendants.

No. C 07-6167 JCS

**JOINT REQUEST TO BE EXEMPT
 FROM THE FORMAL ADR PROCESS**

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this mandamus action is limited to Plaintiff's request that this Court decide his application for naturalization. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR

will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and any further formal ADR process.

Dated: February 21, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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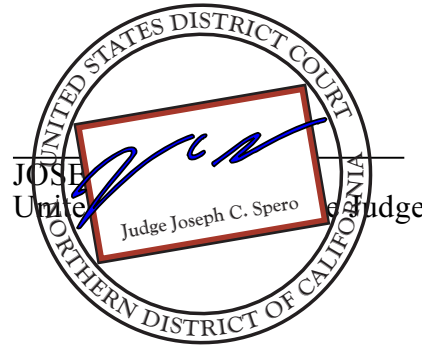
Dated: February 21, 2008

/s/
JUSTIN FOK
Attorney for Plaintiff

ORDER

Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: Feb. 25, 2008



¹I, Melanie L. Proctor, hereby attest that I have on file all holograph signatures for any signatures indicated by a "conformed" signature (/S/) within this efiled document.